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The Honorable Ken Buck
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Buck:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to advise you of our support for your resolution expressing support for the Nation's law enforcement officers.

There has never been a more challenging time in our nation's history for law enforcement officers. The crimes and physical dangers, assaults, and risks have always been with us. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial includes the names of officers killed in the line of duty as far back as 1786. The psychological toll on officers and their families as a result of confronting human misery and evil day after day has also been an associated risk for those in law enforcement. But today, many elected officials, including prosecutors and judges, academicians and media personalities, vocally and doggedly identify and highlight the police as though law enforcement is the sole source of racial and social injustice.

With this resolution, you are standing up and acknowledging the dedicated and ethical services of the men and women in law enforcement. Today, officers are working in an untenable environment. They are essential workers in the coronavirus pandemic, putting their health at risk to serve and protect their communities. They are working double shifts and overtime on the front lines as cities and towns across the nation experience daily protests and all too frequent riots. Further, officers in our nation's largest cities are experiencing significant increases in violent crimes – particularly gun-related crimes – that are straining the resources of departments. They are doing all this in the face of hatred for the uniform they wear, for the laws they are bound by duty to enforce.

This resolution recognizes the men and women who serve their communities as police officers as a valued and integral part of protecting and enhancing the health, safety and welfare of our towns, cities and states. NAPO thanks you for your strong support of America's law enforcement community. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

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